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National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Advisory Committee Directive

On behalf of the Attorney General of the State of Washington, I request the following records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552:

- *All records of any communication from any Environmental Protection Agency employee or designee (including but not limited to Tamue L. Gibson, Edward Hanlon, and Aaron Yeow) to any current or former member of any EPA Federal Advisory Committee, related to Administrator Pruitt's October 31, 2017 directive entitled "Strengthening and Improving Membership on EPA Federal Advisory Committees."*
- *This request includes communications sent, received, or stored on personally owned or controlled email accounts, mobile phones, computers or other mobile devices.*
- *This request includes communications inquiring whether members of Advisory Committees have, administer, or work on EPA grants.*
- *This request includes communications requesting that Advisory Committee members resign or refrain from re-appointment to Advisory Committees, or recuse themselves from any matters before the Advisory Committees.*
- *This request is limited to records transmitted at any time from October 31, 2017 to March 1, 2018.*

If you determine that any of the requested records are exempt in whole or in part from disclosure under FOIA, please exercise your discretion and disclose the entirety of such records. Please note

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that if only a portion of a requested record is exempt from disclosure, the remaining non-exempt portions must still be released. In the event that you deny access to any of the requested records in whole or in part, please provide a *Vaughn* index (1) describing the material withheld, (2) providing a detailed legal justification of your basis for withholding the material, and (3) stating your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the material in the public interest.

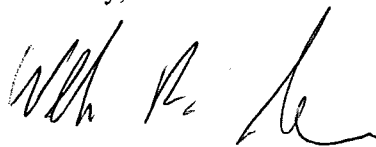
Fee Waiver Request

As a noncommercial entity, the Washington State Attorney General's Office is not subject to review fees. The Attorney General requests a waiver of all search and copying fees associated with this request. Should this fee waiver request be denied, the Attorney General's Office is willing to pay fees of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Accordingly, please immediately begin processing this FOIA request while you consider the fee waiver request. If the fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact me immediately upon making such a determination.

A fee waiver for this FOIA request should be granted under 40 CFR § 2.107(l), because the Attorney General is a public officer of the State of Washington and has no commercial interest in this request. Disclosing the requested records is in the public interest in that it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities.

Please produce a copy of the requested records in electronic format and deliver them to me via email or CD at the address below. In addition, please consider posting a copy of these records to your FOIA library so that interested members of the public may more easily locate and access the requested records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Sherman', is written over a horizontal line.

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